Rural Development Programmes in Andhra Pradesh

89. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes, if any, worked out by Government under various rural development programmes to help Andhra Pradesh to compensate for the heavy losses suffered by the farmers in the State due to natural calamities like drought, floods and attacks of insects and pests; and

(b) the steps being taken to meet the urgent demand of about Rs. 700 crores additional funds under the rural development programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per Ministry of Agriculture, according to the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, State Governments are required to undertake relief operations out of the Corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is shared by Central and State Government in the ratio of 3:1. Additional assistance is also extended from the national Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of calamities of rare severity, after following the prescribed procedure.

The State of Andhra Pradesh have allocated Rs. 131.05 Crores in 1997-98 and Rs. 137.73 Crores in 1998-99 in the CRF.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted 4 memoranda during 1997-98 seeking assistance from NFCR. Details of assistance sought and approved NFCR are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Calamity	Assistance Sought	Assistance Approved	Date of Release
Hailstorm	82.11	Nil	N.A.
Drought	831.33	30.00	14.1.98
Cyclone	168.00	Nil	N.A.
Pest attack	77.84	12.00	5.2.98

Besides, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment is implementing some of the major Self employment and wage employment schemes throughout the Country including the state of Andhra Pradesh. Under the IRD Programe, Rs. 4798.58 lakhs were released to all the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98 including Rs. 599.25 lakhs as additional funds. Similarly, under JRY an amount of Rs. 15298.33 lakhs were released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98 and in addition, an amount of Rs. 582.31 lakhs have been released as additionality to the village/ Gram Panchayats. Further, an amount of Rs. 805.20 lakhs has been released to Andhra Pradesh as additionality for construction of Primary School Buildings as 48% of the total cost under operation Black Board Scheme.

जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में पेयजल परियोजनाएं

90. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात, उड़ीसा तथा मध्य प्रदेश के शहरी क्षेत्रों में पेयजल की मांग की तुलना में ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में पेयजल की मांग का कोई आकलन किया है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन राज्यों के ग्रामीण और जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में पेय जल की मांग को किस हद तक पूरा किया जा रहा है;

(घ) क्या राज्य सरकारों ने भी इस संदर्भ में कोई व्यापक प्रस्ताव भेजा है; और

(ङ) क्या एक सुनिश्चित समय सीमा के भीतर इन राज्यों में पेयजल की सम्पूर्ण मांग को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्य योजना बनाई गई है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागौड़ा पाटील): (क) से (ङ) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वच्छ पेयजल की उपलब्धता का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए राज्यों ने केवल 1991-94 में सर्वेक्षण करवाए थे और 1996-97 में इसका पुनः सत्यापन करवाया गया था। प्राप्त हुई अनंतिम रिपोर्ट के अनुसार इन राज्यों में बसावटों की कवरेज का ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है:—

राज्य	बसावटों की कुल संख्या	स्वच्छ पेयजल स्रोत वाली बसावटों की संख्या
गुजरात	30269	29138
उड़ीसा	114099	112987
मध्य प्रदेश	159868	159868

गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और उड़ीसा की राज्य सरकारों ने समस्त ग्रामीण बसावटों को प्रति व्यक्ति प्रति-दिन 40 लीटर के राष्ट्रीय मानदंड के अनुरूप 2002 ई॰ तक स्वच्छ पेयजल उपलब्ध कराने की कार्य योजना बनाई है।

Drinking Water Projects in Tribal and Hilly areas

91. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to launch some World Bank aided Drinking Water Projects in the hilly and tribal areas;

(b) whether any such projects is being launched in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Maharashtra

92. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government's share towards the construction cost of individual latrines in Maharashtra under Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme has not yet been paid to the State Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the reasons for non-payment of this amount; and

(d) by when Government would make payment of this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Payment of Pension and Gratuity to Employees of DRDA

93. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will The Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication dated the 15th April, 1996 from the Government of Maharashtra requesting the Central Government to bear a share of 50 per cent of expenditure towards pensions & gratuity payable to the employees of the District Rural Development Agency in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(c) the reasons for pendency of the proposal; and